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serted in his teeth so as to make his "rag chewing" stunts more brilliant. The diamonds are used in the fillings and bridges and on three of the teeth an initial has been | The constitution will embody points that set in small stones. One is the figure "3." On another the letter "T" and on the third "C," indicating the phrase "three times

tion that the young miss is the best looking American-bred animal.

the team has not been greatly strengthican owners are reported to be anxious that purpose, and it has been the talk of a will be a change in the tide of sentiment | have ridiculed the purposes of the associaand the Nationals will reap the benefit?

A new race track is to be built at New Orleans, backed by a company with \$300,-000 capital and gambling will be entirely eliminated. It will be run in the interest of the sport alone. The new track will Jockey Club and has arranged no dates with that organization, but, on the contrary, will look for affiliations with Eastern tracks. It would be quite interesting to receive reports from the new track after the day's racing that more than one favorite had won, even if betting were elim-

front of the perfromer was superior to any wind shield ever invented.

dig deep into their pockets to pay fancy | two were at war.

Dave Sullivan happens to be in the limelight just now by virtue of his coming engagement with Young Corbett. While Dave is in the glare he is being handed many pleasant things, and the little fellow deserves all he can get so long as the truth is not too violently shoved overboard. But when he is called a legitimate featherweight the truth does get a rude jolt. Sullivan cannot go lighter than 125 pounds and be strong enough to stand up for twenty rounds, much less fight. All his recent battles have been at 133 and at 3 or 6 o'clock. He is every bit as big and heavy as Corbett. Like the champion, he may have been a feather once, but time has put heft on his bones, and he is in that nondescript class in which so many of the so-called featherweights find themselves.

Fans and enthusiasts are found in the following of all classes of sports, but the polo fans are entitled to the blue ribbon for displaying what they think is real enthusiasm. As a rule they are so partisan that they can see nothing wrong in the playing of the members of their own team or the tactics that might be used in winning a game. All they can see is the roughness of the opposing players. If a player is criticised for using rough tactics in a game the fans take it as a personal affront and cannot realize where a player of their team could be guilty of such violations of the rules. They allow their partisan feeling to carry them to a point where they fail to and report in this city when ordered to reason on both sides of a question. Polo do players are professionals and about all that any of them work for is the salary that they draw on pay day. They care little for The death of W. C. Whitney removed the the town they represent and a majority of principal financial backer of the race course them laugh at the fiery articles that appear | at the Spa, so that in the future, it is bein papers in smaller cities concerning lieved, less consideration will be given to criticisms that have been dealt to them. the "American Newmarket" than if Mr. They are paid for their services and they owe it to the club owners to play good polo, | summer meeting in New York is growing.

but not to play rowdy games. There is something remarkkable about the spell that Ban Johnson casts over the club owners in the American League. They swear by him openly, although they might think harsh things about him, and do not culture is one which will rouse indignant think it possible for him to give any one the | howls from the almost-food people and the "double cross." But when a man is dumped advocates of starve-the-flesh methods, says replied the drummer when he first met or heard of Johnson and | follows: Eat what you want, drink what remember little things to prove that the you want, do what you want, and fight once Pennsylvania called Ashland, where the American League president was not "on a week in a lazy and good-humored fashion.

the Washington American League team for great deal of fat to accumulate, but the awhile, thought Johnson the whole thing weekly scraps keeps the wind and muscles handed the "short end" of one of Johnson's | wine and high eating, and gives valuable peculiar deals. Postal discussed baseball matters in Detroit the other day with a train to weight, cut out the luxuries, and party of newspaper men, of which the build up hardened sinews from the soft tiswas forced out of Washington and not even tough proposition for a man who thinks stock. He said he had an opportunity to sell his holdings in the Washington club to the same parties that Johnson has been dickering with so long, but Johnson would not give him a chance to reimburse his lossof it. Postal has the greatest admiration National League magnate credit for many things that have been done for the good of

SPORTING SECTION.

TO ELEVATE BOXING.

The National Boxing Association was organized at Detroit last Sunday by representatives of a number of clubs in the country that promote boxing. It is the intention of the charter members of the associa-DAYTON, O .- J. V. Wilkie, 39 South Jefferson | tion to induce every reputable club in the country to become a member of the association, and sporting writers are invited to become associate members. The prime it won't be long ere Corbett needs more object of those interested in the association is to place the sport of boxing on a Long Island, to be known as Belmout higher plane, to regulate the game and to eliminate fakirs and men who do not live In all probability receive the cream of the up to their contracts. It is not the intenincreased for the other New York racing to elevate boxing on the same principles associations there may be a curtailment | that the jockey clubs have elevated horse racing and baseball leagues have raised the standard of the great national game. There were enough reputable clubs represented at sociation that should prove to be of great importance within the next year or two. tect or punish, as the case may be, those who promote the contests as well as those Persimmon out of Ambleside after his wife, that should be eliminated. Fakirs should best umpires I ever saw. On balls and Queen Alexandra, and all England is ac- be thrown out of the business altogether strikes he was simply infallible and that and most likely ever foaled at the royal | tion will provide for suspension of boxers | could only be kept straight there is not a stud. When the filly enters her first race | who fail to obey the by-laws and promoters | man in the world to-day who could umpire it would be quite a hard blow to English | will also be suspended who fail to live up a game better than the old hero. Jeffries aristocracy if she were to be beaten by an | to their contracts with boxers. Referees | was not nearly so good, and I guess that he The Boston National League Club has lost aim to eliminate brutality in contests and of the fellows that I have seen draw regusomething like \$100,000 in the past two sea- uniform contracts and rules will be pro- lar salaries from the big leagues. Both sons, and the enemies of the club figure | vided for. The matter is only in an in- of them umpired games for me in the Atit will lose another \$50,000 this season, as fant stage, but it must be said that more lantic League, and I won't forget the strenwas accomplished at Detroit last Sunday ened. On the other hand, the Boston Amer- | than at any previous meeting ever held for to sell their club. Wonder if they fear there | few for ages. A few Chicago managers tion and declare that it will never be able prophets come from Chicago. The associalive up to their contract and then expect to get matches in other cities. The sport

STAND BY BRUSH.

as was horse racing and baseball.

At last the much-mooted Davis-Jones case has been settled, and the two players awarded to the Chicago American League team. Enemies of the National League and of John T. Brush have harshly criticised that horse to make a record as a running pace- | magnate for the part he played in signing maker in front of a performer, when such | Davis and Jones for the New York Naa pacemaker is properly rated. He alluded | tionals and the fight he made for what he to the wind shield alone, with the runner | thought was right. They were not chardriver is a bit chagrined over the fact that a stroke that was for the benefit of the he has not secured the credit due him in | National League. Even some of the men his manipulation of the pacemaker when in his own league did not have the back-Lou Dillon, 1:58%, and Dan Patch, 1:56%, bone to give their help in his fight. Davis with three or four other players, rushed scored their greatest triumphs against Fa- and Jones were signed when the National up, yelled at Jeff, grabbed him by the arm ther Time. He is willing to demonstrate and American Leagues were doing everyat any time that the running pacemaker in | thing to weaken each other, and John T. Brush went to great expense to secure the was shouting for him to punch the offend- is only pair play, it is not so necessary that team. Some of the magnates in the Na- for his life. An Eastern baseball writer, who is friend- | tional League were evidently jealous of the ly to the American League and always nerve he displayed, and refused to come shows his animosity toward the National forward and stand by him. The National League, declares that the American League is stronger now than it has been in years, would do a very unwise thing in fixing a as splints have been used to brace up the WORKED TOGETHER salary limit. The writer does not realize | weak knees of some of the magnates, but that the American League is in just as bad | if a fight were on it is doubtful if the Nacondition financially as it ever was in its | tional owners would show the spirit they life and in order for the club owners to should. John T. Brush should be reimrealize on their investments it is necessary | bursed for every cent he expended in signfor them to conduct their business on a ing Davis and Jones for his New York in New York during the days of the Horton basis that will protect them against heavy team. Ban Johnson's success was largely law," says an Eastern sport now visiting in losses. Ball players should be paid what due to his ability to take advantage of the Chicago, "happened at the Lenox Club one the ace of trumps, I certainly would play they are worth, but at the same time the weaknesses of the National League, and in night. As you doubtless remember, Tom the king to unblock, as partner must surely men who back the sport financially should this instance the National magnates should O'Rourke owned the club and Charlie White | hold ace, queen, jack and enough more to be able to pay expenses from the revenues | repay Brush for his attempt to weaken the | was the referee. Well, when a man owns a | draw all the trumps, and also must hold a derived at the gate and not be compelled to opposing organization at a time when the

> THE SCHAEFER CASE. Charles Ruschaupt, president of the Indianapolis club, has issued his ultimatum in regard to Schaefer, who was secured by the Indianapolis club last fall in a trade with St. Paul for Pete O'Brien. It seems as if Joe Cantillon, manager of the Milwaukee club, has been anxious to secure Schaefer, and he had several conversations with the player in Chicago. Schaefer was reported as saying that he would jump to the Pacific Coast League before he would consent to come to Indianapolis. Since the differences between the Pacific coast organization and other leagues have been settled Schaefer claims he signed a contract to play with the Seattle (Wash.) team before the agreement was made, and that he would play with that team. Strange to say, however. Schaefer's name does not appear on the list of players claimed by Seattle. If Schaefer wants to play ball he will have to play with Indianapolis, as there is no other place for him to go. He is on the Indianapolis club's reserve list, and President Ruschaupt declares that he will not waive claim to the player. Schaefer has no good game had to be closed up forever." excuse for not wanting to play with the Indianapolis team. It is quite evident that he HURST RIDICULED has been listening to Cantillon's hot-air

After this year, so turfmen say, the meet-Whitney had lived. The demand for a mid-

talk, and imagines he wants to play with

Milwaukee in preference to Indianapolis.

Schaefer is a good player, but he should

realize that there is nothing left open to

him but to sign his Indianapolis contract

### YOUNG CORBETT USES STRANGE METHODS

The Young Corbett system of physical an exchange. It is, briefly summarized, as the square" in everything. Fred Postal, the always selecting some dub to do the other seven killed you get rainchecks for the Detroit hotel man, who was the angel for half of the sketch. This system causes a next picnic.

pretty well toned up, causes perspiration enough to carry away the evil effects of boxing practice. Then, when a real fight for the championship is on, it is time to writer was a member. Postal said that he sues of legs and arms. The system is a given a chance to realize anything on his ing and working the pulley weights, but stock. He said he had an opportunity to it seems to be all that the Denver Kid re-

problematic. It is, of course, a ludicrous est for him to call himself champion featherweight, and yet he declines to meet Jimmy Britt at 133 pounds, ringside. He says he es. That was only one of the many little | will make all his big matches at 129 pounds, things Johnson did to give Postal the worst 6 o'clock, but what class on earth is that weight typical of? Corbett has also cleaned up all the good men at or near that figure, for John T. Brush and gives the New York | bar Benny Yanger. The latter is, of course, wildly anxious to meet the Denverite, but Rothwell is now in position to give him the irksome giggle. Moreover, a comparison of the fights between Yanger and Hanlon and Corbett and Hanlon, round by round, would only indicate this much: That the pudgy boy would give Benny the unholiest thumping between Halifax and Mexico. Yanger never had Hanlon in serious trouble, was himself put down with a crash, and lost the decision. Corbett battered Eddie to a jelly-hence, so far as Corbett is concerned, what's the answer?

Corbett, however, may be eager to take Yanger on for these same reasons. It certainly looked, in bygone days, as if Rothwell did not care to face Yanger in the ring, but things seem different now, and, besides,

### CHAMPION FIGHTERS AS BASEBALL UMPIRES

Detroit Tribune. Patrons of the baseball game will recall Branham, Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Pirkey. the fad for producing champion prizefighters as umpires, which swept over the country three or four years ago and which, to a certain extent, is still evident. John L. the meeting to form the nucleus of an as- Sullivan, who has always been a hot fan, set the fashion, and Jeffries, McCoy, Mc-Govern, Corbett and many others have followed. Many have been the tales told of Mrs. Johnson. come up in the boxing sport and will pro- the experience of the pugilistic arbitrators and most of the managers have a new one on tap whenever the subject is brought up.

who participate in the ring. There are "John L. Sullivan," says Manager Barrow, many evils now connected with the sport of the Detroit team, "was really one of the and the men who fail to live up to their | bellowing voice of his was always heard in contracts should be punished. The associa- the farthest corner of the grounds. If he the association. The association will also was by no means as bad, though, as some uous time we had keeping John L. away from the booze the Sunday he umpired a double-header for us in Paterson.

"I got Jeffries for the first game he ever umpired, so far as I know. Billy Brady was managing him and I talked with him before Jeffries went up against Fitzsimmons for the battle in which he won the world's championship. Brady broached the proposition. At first it did not look good to me, as Jeff was to fight on Saturday, I believe, and umpire on Sunday. The prospects looked sure for his defeat in the ring, but Brady was so confident that Jeff would put his man away that I booked the date and had the Californian adver-

"Well, Jeff won, as we will all remember, and his route to Paterson over the electric was one triumphal procession. People were coming home from church, and how they got next to Jeffries's identity was more than know, but we hadn't gone far before a pretty girl came down the aisle and laid a great big bunch of roses on Jeffries's lap. He blushed so that it looked as if he was going to burst a blood vessel. Another girl waltzed up with a little boy hanging on

"'Mr. Jeffries,' said she, 'I want you to kiss my little brother. "Jeff kissed the kid, and Brady was so tickled that he almost burst the buttons off his vest. The crowd that came out that day was the biggest one of the season. Jeffries umpired quietly, but pretty well, so we put up scheme on him. Piggy Ward, now playing out on the coast, was a big, burly fellow, mustached like a Turk, with a voice like a bull. Jeff called a man safe at first on Ward's assist, and the second baseman, looked down on them, puzzled, and then proving to be the strongest pair? over at the big bleacher, where the crowd Brady motioned to him to stand pat. and he made a rush for Ward, who skipped

"Jeff finished the two games of the double-header, although along at the last he wanted to quit, and only went back when Brady allowed him to smoke a cigar."

BUT WERE ENEMIES

Chicago Journal. "One of the richest things which came off you? Naturally. Yet, strange to say, White and O'Rourke fell out and wouldn't speak. while the tension grew greater day after day. White kept on refereeing and drawing pay, and O'Rourke kept on paying him and scowling at him. At last the tension proved too great. Just before a fight, in offices of the club, the men collided. White was baldheaded, maybe forty years old, and weighed perhaps 210 pounds. O'Rourke was white-haired, fifty years and weighed 220 pounds. Both, despite their years and dignified carriage, were simply demons in a rough-and-tumble battle. They went at it like lions. Bang. swing, punch, clinch, they were all over the room, battling and mauling. First one got a good lead and then the other. The spectators tried vainly to separate them, but found the job of splitting out 430 pounds of raging beef too big. At last, both being winded, they quit; White went into the ring to referee, and O'Rourke returned to the iness of blocking off pass fiends. And, after the show O'Rourke paid White, and White was on deck to referee next week. just as if there had never been a cross word between them.

Imagine a Chicago promoter having a fight with his referee! Why, next morning each of them would be around proclaiming to the whole city that the other fellow would never have anything to do with boxing in Chicago again if the

# WAR WITH FILIPINOS

New York Sun.

Timothy Hurst, referee and umpire, keeps the sports in good humor along Broadway these days. Timothy told a story the other night about a drummer who hypnotized a bunch of listeners in a hotel cafe. The drummer, it seems, informed the crowd that

he had just returned from the Philippines. "While I was there," said he, "I saw the greatest battle of the war decided. It was terrific. For twenty-four hours the Americans stood in the trenches, up to their armpits in water, with nothing to eat. The rifles were blazing all the time and the cannon's roar was deafening. Finally the Filipinos began to retreat, and the Americans charged them with fixed baynots. It was awful, but the victory achieved by the Americans was so decisive that comparative peace was restored. It was a fearful

encounter all the way through. "What were the casualties?" asked Hurst at the conclusion of the narrative. Well, we counted four Filipinos dead and six wounded, while on the American side there was one dead and three wounded.'

That was a fearful battle, eh?" ejaculat-Timothy, with a look of scorn. "Why, man, I come from a little town in Ancient Order of Hibernians hold a picnic each year, and if there ain't more than

# NEWS OF THE WHIST PLAYERS OF INDIANAPOLIS AND STATE

American Club Defeated the Woman's Whist Club for the I. W. C. Trophy-Woman's Club Will Use the Howell System

Some play for money, some for fame, Some for the pleasure of the game, (No matter, so the best wins.) Some play because their joys are few, And some because the others do. Of these, not I. I play for Pins.

Those badges of the winning score, Those shining trophies won in war, The red enamel of the Trist, Colonial's golden letters three, Such gaudes are good enough for me, The simple jewelry of Whist.

Let others deck themselves with rings, With chains and chatelains and things; I envy not their proud display, And only sigh when, dispossessed I see upon a rival's breast The Pin I flaunted yesterday

-Mrs. E. B. Christman. The "top-score pin" of the Woman's

Whist Club is held at present by Mrs. Messick, she having the highest score for the quarter, which is twenty-eight. The little club pin is the means of creating an unusual interest in the club, as

who has the highest score for the quarter, and who will be the next holder of it. The member of the club wearing the pin, or who is entitled by her score to wear it the greatest number of times during the year, will at the expiration of that time become the owner of it.

The members of the club wearing the pin during the last quarter were Mrs. Conduitt, Mrs. Benham, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. The Woman's Whist Club challenged the

American Whist Club for the I. W. C. trophy, and the game was played Thursday The Woman's Club team was composed of

Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Pirkey and The American Club team was Mr. Bond, Mr. Clelland, Mr. Roemler and Judge Sul-

The result was 10 to 12 in favor of the American Club. The score was as follows: -First Half .-Americans ...... 17 21 13 27 24 19-9 

Americans ...... 22 18 21 19 23 19-3 three aces in one hand and four kings in Americans, 12 net: Woman's, 10 net. The game was an intensely interesting one to the women, though the result was not favorable to them. They deserve some commendation in that will also be placed under the jurisdiction of has quit the business of arbitrating. He | they were able to keep the gentlemen from

making a high score. The members of the executive board of the Woman's Club decided at the meeting Tuesday afternoon that former members who have been absent some time and now | Clubs. desire to return need only pay dues for the year beginning Oct. 1, 1903. In the future, members, who from illness or other causes, cannot attend for a time, and do not wish to resign, may at the beginning | Hearts. of any year withdraw with the privilege of re-entering at any time by the payment of the dues for that year. The club also decided to discontinue the Howell system of play, at least for a time. + + +

The following plus scores were made by members of the Woman's Club on Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 9: Mesdames Benham, 10; Pirkey, 10; Messick, 5; D. Swain, 5; Hutchinson, 5; Lowry, 5; Talbott, 3; Laz-arus, 3; Drew, 3; De Vay, 3; Lynn, 1; Rockwood, 1; Benton, 1; Porter, 1; Branham, 1; Morrison, 1. + + +

Members of the American Whist Club who had plus scores at the meeting Tuesday night, Feb. 9, were Messrs. Sullivan, 18; A. D. Johnson, 11; Rockwood, 8; E. E. Sluss, 8; Bixby, 7; Wikel, 5; Yanders, 4; Machan, 4; Hornaday, 3; Bond, 2; Comingor, 2; Hitz, 1.

The Howell-Mitchell system, to be used by the American Club in their team practice in preparation for the tournament, is certainly an excellent method for estimating the strength of each team, and also the strength of each pair in the team, but when trying to asecrtain the strength of each that by having each team keep a record in team practice, the pair making the best threw him around shamefully. He record the greatest number of times, thus

As the preliminary play in the tournament all four players should be well matched as it is that in the arrangement of the teams the two that can make the best record together should so play in the tour-

The following plus scores were made by members of the Indianapolis Whist Club Saturday night, Feb. 6: Messrs. Rabb. 4: Pirkey, 4; Clifford, 3; Smith, 2; Daller, 2;

#### Answers to Questions in Journal of Feb. 7.

1. If I had the king of trumps turned and one small trump, and my partner led club and hires a referee, you'd suppose they good suit. Holding such a hand, partner would be on pretty friendly terms, wouldn't leads ace on the supposition that I may have king alone, and if such were the fact block his game 2. If partner leads the six, and I hold queen, jack and 10, and want to play the three trump echo, I would play the queen and, if winning the trick, would lead the

One condition, when holding trumps, that I would not return partner's lead is when holding a singleton and weak trumps and a hand to justify it, I would lead the singleton. Another occasion would be if adversary to my right had an honor turned and had also indicated strength, I would endeavor to let my partner in on suit to lead the trump through the honor. 4. If partner opens with a low card and I take the trick with the 10, I would not return the suit, as strength must also be

#### + + + Whist Guides.

to my right.

science

1. Do not ignore the value of low cards. Never refuse to take a trick, unless by passing you can take two, in lieu of the one you pass.

4. Do not save re-entry cards when you | clubs have been forced to follow suit. have nothing to bring in. 5. Your first discard is as important as your first lead.

3. Draw inferences early in the game.

6. All rules are secondary to the fall of the cards. 7. Do not trump a doubtful trick when holding four trumps and a good suit. 8. You cannot understand the fascination of the game until you learn to play

9. Never look at your hand until you are

ready to play to the trick. A beginner should become familiar with the conventional rules. Understand the reasons for each play, portant to play or withhold, according to circumstances. 13. It is never wise to deceive your part-

ner to the detriment of the game Cultivate a quiet manner of play. When winning with a low card of partner's suit, and hold nothing higher, be careful about returning that suit 16. Informatory plays should not be used unless partner understands them. 17. Do not false-card unless experienced

18. Always think before you play. Know all the conventional leads before attempting to play the game If you play bridge, don't play for 21. Study whist as you would any other

Keep awake to all possibilities of the 24. You have the right to prevent your partner making any irregularity in play, with exception of the revoke. 25. Do not make the game easy for ad-

22. Study the rules with the cards before

## Bridge Whist for Stakes.

As the interest in bridge whist in other cities is lessening, in Indianapolis it appears to be increasing. It is true that the playing of bridge for stakes in Indianap- change.

olls is confined to a limited circle, and it is to be earnestly hoped that the circle will decrease rather than increase.

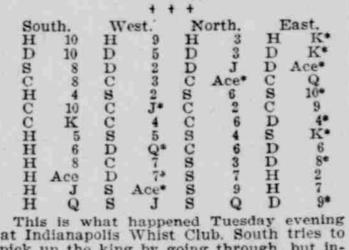
The playing of whist for stakes is de-moralizing, and should be interdicted by all intellectual players. It is to be deplored that the game of whist should be debased by such a method. The gambling feature is not eliminated because the stakes are small and the players gentlemen and

The introduction of the game in our homes is a great mistake, and will do more to foster the gambling spirit than any other agency, for the reason that people will use the game of whist for that purpose when they would not countenance it in other games.

Whatever will be a detriment to the ele-

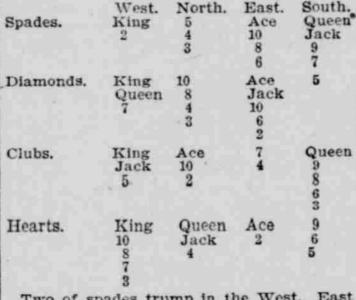
vation of the game of whist or tend to lower its high standard should be looked upon with disfavor by all true lovers of the game Players that have made a thorough and conscientious study of whist are rarely the ones that play bridge for stakes. Whether

played for stakes or not, it is inferior to whist proper, for the reason that the exposed hand gives more play to the judgment of the moment, thus in a great measure eliminating the conventional science of the game that must be acquired by study. One who is addicted to bridge whist is liable to became careless'as to the finer points of the regular game.



pick up the king by going through, but insteady Mr. King was in the East, and Daller at the bat. East and West 12. Starred card takes trick.

hand at the Indianapolis Whist Club on Saturday evening. East and West have the other, the ace king and four other trumps among them.



and West get four tricks, North and South get four tricks at other tables. How did East and West only get four tricks? No John Springer, Joe Geiger, R. M. Gordan,

Calling for Trumps.

The trump call is an important feature of the game, and was first introduced about | Howard Malthy, Rex Hubbard and Carroll sixty years ago at a great card club in | Stevens. London. Lord Henry Bentinck is credited with

established, and has retained its position ever since. There were many then, as there are many to-day, who objected to it. It is used and abused, as are many other features of the game, and is considered by the best authorities to be no improvement, but is now a permanent feature of the An illustration follows, showing that it is

not always the best whist to respond to ILLUSTRATION OF REFUSING TO AN-

SWER THE TRUMP CALL. Clubs are trumps, 3 turned; North is to North holds-Hearts, j, 6; diamonds, k, 6, 4, 3; spades, a, k, q, 4, 3; clubs, 2. East holds-Hearts, q. 7, 4; diamonds, k, q. 2; spades, j. 10, 8, 7, 5; clubs, 7. South holds-Hearts a, k, 10, 9, 8; monds, 10, 9, 8; clubs, a, k, 10, 5, 4. West holds—Hearts, 5, 3, 2; diam spades, 9, 6, 2; clubs, q, j, 9, 8, 6, 3. Trick 1. South makes the sinigle discard Trick 2. North very wisely refuses to answer the call: having no re-entry card, he must make the spades while he has the

ner another discard. Trick 3. North leads another spade, deemng it best to give South another discard. Trick 4. South's suit must be hearts, and North prefers to lead a strengthening card of partner's suit in preference to the trump. Had North answered the call at this point

lead, or not at all, and also gives his part-

ne would have	lost sev	eral tr	icks.	
Trick 1 Trick 2 Trick 3 Trick 4 Trick 5 Trick 6 Trick 7 Trick 8	North. S-q S-a S-k H-j H-6 C-2 S-3	East. S-5 S-7 S-8 H-4 H-7 C-7 D-2	South. D-9 D-8 D-10 H-8 H-9 C-a C-k	S-2 S-6 S-9 H-2 H-3 C-3 C-6
Trick 9 Trick 10	D-3	S-10	H-10	C-8
North played is an exception give partner a suit than to le for, and it is partner a char fore answering	nal case at strenge ad the nearly ace to	where thenir trump always clear u	it is b ig card he wa right p his h	etter to in his s asked to give

### ANENT THE SPRING BASEBALL TRAINING

T. L. J.

New York Morning Telegraph. Who started the spring training trips it is hard to say, but he would probably not do it again if he had a chance to go back and correct the mistakes he has made in

of gaining the advantage of a start in the

spring, and that they have accomplished this is proved by the fact that the other This is not always the case, as was shown by Pittsburg's work last season, but the rule still holds good that a team brought into shape in the sunny climate of the South usually gets off fast. Whether it holds its pace or not appears to be at least in part a matter of luck. With favoring weather a team may go right along and hold its gait, though even in such cases it is a moot question as to whether the early training does not affect the staying qualities of the team later in the season. Given bad weather during the last Twelfth and thirteenth cards are im- few games of the playing season, the Southern training is easily turned into a source of danger rather than one of help to the players. Damp and raw weather will tie kinks in the arms of a trained player which it may take months to get out. With players moving slowly, this danger is not great, but when the former are already moving at speed, owing to the thaw-

ing out in the South, a raw spell is almost certain to result in the disablement of some of the men. Still, as long as one club goes South and takes chances, the others will be forced to follow suit, as a lead early Ind in the season is a big handicap to over-From an owner's and manager's standpoint, the training trips are little short of

a nuisance. The expense of keeping a team South for nearly a month is heavy, and it comes at a time when the clubs have no ncome to meet the outgo. In order to lighten this somewhat, exhibition games are scheduled, but they do not always prove the sources of revenue expected.

#### Yes, It's on the Level. "That'll be a great fight," said a citizen

of Baltimore to Al Herford. "What fight?" dreamily asked Herford.

"Why, the one between Russia and Japan,' replied the citizen. "Is it on the level?" queried Herford .- Ex-

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### PROBLEMS OF INTEREST TO ALL CHECKER PLAYERS

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There was a swing of five tricks in one The Journal's Column Devoted to News of the Game of Draughts and Personal Notes of the Experts

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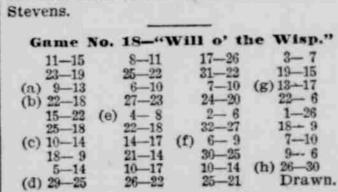
To popularize the game of draughts. To afford all checker players, from tyro to experts, a weekly column, devoted to the best scifurnish a practical illustration of the value of draughts as a mental exercise. To raise the quality of play throughout the State.

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Players.

The draughts players at Seymour are making things lively for all comers. They were pleased to learn of the Journal's checker column, and for its sake have sworn allegiance to the paper. All are good amateur players with ability to be-Two of spades trump in the West. East | come better by close application to the les- | Reader, Loogootee, Ind. sons given in the Journal. Seymour, Ind .-Charles Leininger, John Gardner and Wil-

> liam H. Lemp. Aurora, Ind.-Aldo Walker, William 12-16, 29-25, 9-13. Petcher, J. B. Wymond, John H. Sleir,



by the late George Wallace, of Glasgow. Although a sound game for both sides, the may find himself pursuing a "Will o' the Lee's "Guide."

Wisp. (b) 26-23, 5-9, 22-18, etc., draws. (c) 5-9, 8-11, 13-17 or 7-11 may be safely played here, but the text move is prefera-The 7-11 variation is very tricky, and much play has been published on it. lowing is a unique line: 7-11, 19-15, 10-19, 24—15, 12—16, 29—25, 6—9, 26—23, 9—14, 18—9, 5—14, 23—18, 14—23, 27—18, 16—19, 25—22, 2—6, 21—17, 3—7, 31—37, 19—23, 28—24, 7—10, 24—19, 6-9, 15-6, 1-10, 19-15, 10-19, 17-14, 11-16 Drawn. tention is 8-11, 26-22, 6-10, 22-18, 14-1 21—14, 10—17, 18—14, 1—5, 29—25, 2—6, 31—26 17—21, 25—22, 6—10, 24—20, 10—17, 32—27, 4—8 23—18, 7—10, 27—23, 5—9, 19—16, 12—19, 23—7

10-14, 7-2, 14-23, 26-19, etc. Drawn. (e) 11-15, 24-20, 15-24, 28-19, etc., draws. (f) 10-15, 19-10, 6-15, etc., draws here, but 13-17 loses by 22-13, 10-15, 19-10, 6-22, 23-18, 3-7, 18-14, 11-15, 3-26, 22-31, 13-9, 31-24, 28-3. White wins, (g) 7-10, 15-6, 1-10, 27-24, 12-16, 24-19 8-12, 28-24. White wins. (h) Leaves an equal ending for both sides.

Game No. 19-"Ayrshire Lassie." Played last week by two Journal tryos. | match would prove most satisfactory. Notes by our correspondent. 7-14

(b) 25-22 19 - 1518-14 14-10 (g) 14- 9

played. Willie Gardner thinks it as strong as the 15-18 cut. (b) This move is superior to 21-17 as formerly played. (c) 5-9, 29-25, 1-5, 25-21, 9-14, 18-9, 5-14 31-27. White wins. (d) Bad. (The correct ending is as follows: The training trips started with the idea 29-25, 14-17, 25-21, 17-26, 31-22, 2-6, 21-17, of gaining the advantage of a start in the 1-5, 17-14, 15-19, 23-7, 3-26, 30-23. Drawn.

(e) Black loses advantage here by supposing he can "pitch" a man, gain a king, and go even. (f) As good as anything.

(g) And Black is forced eventually to

give up his hold on two single men that his king has pinned on the side. Game No. 20-"Whilter." A "hard luck" game for amateurs, 8-12 29 - 2519 - 15\$2-2724 - 19(b) 11-16 22 - 2623 - 1827 - 1810-14 26-21 (a) This is a loss; 22-17 is proper. (b) 9-13 here only draws.

Answers to Correspondents. Will the Journal's checker editor kindly tell me when and where checkers or draughts originated?-H. C. A., Bluffton,

The earliest records of draughts are found in Egypt, and for practical purposes commenced about 1600 B. C., in the time of Queen Hatasu or Hat-Shepsu, daughter of Thothmes I, ruler of Egypt. The game was introduced into Italy from Egypt, and is known in Latin as lundus lactrunculorum. Latro is used in Ovid and also in Martial to mean a "man" or "place" at draughts.

What style of a player is Charles F. Barker? Whom do you consider the likeliest American player in a match for world championship honors?-A. L., South Bend. coldly, powerfully. His opponent realizes, as the hours steal by, that not one sign ly beaten by Sharkey and Choynski, al-

Wolferstan's Weekly List of Local | ker's imperturbable countenance. As he sights at the draughts table he permits a slight swaying motion of the body, but his eyes never leave the board so long as there is any doubt about the position. At present Charles F. Barker or A. J. Heffner.

> Temple" opening and "Single Corner?"-"Flora Temple" is a ramification of "Single Corner" and only used to distinguish the particular variation that is

formed thus: 11-15, 22-18, 15-22, 25-18,

What is the difference between the "Flora

What do you consider Black's best attack?-"Scrub," Ligonier, Ind. "Fife," if permitted. + + + Do you think Bert Titus can win "Black

Doctor?"-Checker-player, Evansville, Ind. I think not. If Black opens a line with which one is unfamiliar and succeeds in winning right along through the sitting, what should one

do?-R. R., Ft. Wayne, Ind Play slowly to gain time. Clear the mid-(a) Forms the opening which was named | dle of your board by judicious exchanges. Alter your entire method of building the student should not be too venturesome until game. After sitting is over, look the line he has mastered some of its lines, or he up in your back file of the Journal or in

I met a man the other day who bet me that he could beat any player who spreads his men to the side of the board. Can he? -Argos "Scrub," Argos, Ind.

In some of our best defenses White gives Black the center of the board. There is nothing in the popular suposition that the men must be driven at the center of the Black formation at first or second advance However, one must know the theory of flank formation or he will suppose that the gentleman's boast is true. Study t White side of "Old Fourteenth."

Would you advise one to play a restricted or unrestricted match?-Challenged, War-

Restricted matches are very popular for the reason that they confine the players to certain lines which may be easily studied up before the match comes off. To players confident of their strength, an unrestricted

11-15, thus forming "Second Double Corner"-a defense I cannot parry. What shall I do?-"Ruggles," Anderson, Ind.

A careful study of the Black side of "Second Double Corner" is all that is necessary. He must indeed be a strong player who can afford to risk playing the Whites in that opening for a very long time, as it is the weakest standard defense in draughts.

What do you think of "White Dyke" as a defense?-"Draughts," Springfield, Ill. When there are so many defenses that are more sound, why play it? It is not strong, although W. Beattle has done much in (a) This line of "Lassie" is not often England to popularize it. Conceding it to be a standar defense, precedent has not shown it to be popular in first-class match play. The only authors who give play upon it are Drummond and Lees. We do not advise its use by amateurs.

News of the Game.

The Western championship tourney will be fought at Dows, Ia. The first day's play is slated to begin Feb. 22. The citizens of Dows are feverishly anticipating the event, and have raised a purse of \$100 which will be greatly increased by entrance fees. The purse will be divided among the four players who win the highest averages, It is open to all players living west of Pittsburg, Pa.

checkerist is willing to wager \$250 that Bert Titus cannot win the "Black Doctor. Lundy is also against the Minneapolis player. Denvir's idea is best. He suggests that Titus publish his entire play in some reputable draughts column and let the critics do the rest. The Aurora players have begun to read

High authority states that a prominent

a few strong amateurs who are bound to make a good showing in the State arena. J. B. Wymond holds the local medal.

the Journal's checker lessons. They have

KID M'COY IS AFTER

CHEAP NOTORIETY New York Sun.

Kid McCoy's reappearance on the floodtide of pugilism with an offer to fight Fitzsimmons, Gardner, Ryan or O'Brien is some time ago, when Kid Carter put on the fresco work, that McCoy had seen his best days. It is a hard matter to convince some ring experts that McCoy ever was a real, genuine, first-class pugilist. His cleverness as a boxer was always conceded, amusing ring followers, who were convinced but he never showed true fighting ability against opponents that could hit and stand a punching. The only men of prominence that McCoy ever put away were Ryan, when the latter was double-crossed at Maspeth; Dan Creedon, when McCoy could not knock him out in fifteen rounds at Long Island City, although the Australian was so badly beaten that his seconds threw up Charles F. Barker'plays draughts calmly, the sponge, and Peter Mayer, who quit early in the game at Coney Island in a fight that looked queer. McCoy was square-